

To Whomever this may be relevent:

I have lived within 200 feet of the New Jersey Transit North Jersey Coastline Bay Head station for 11 years. During that time, the train has NEVER not stopped at this station, as it is at the beginning/end of the line. For all that time there have been gates, bells, and flashing lights at this crossing. We have never had any incident at this crossing which is in a residential neighborhood. Regardless, the trains toot two long one short one long with every crossing, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This is a small town with just 1200 year round residents. The crossing is on a road with a speed limit of 25 miles an hour. We hear the trains idling in the railyard and can see and hear them pulling through the rail yard to start up the Coast Line after stopping at the station which is literally across the street from the rail yard. In fact, these trains stop at the office in the railyard to pick up the Conductors before leaving the yard and crossing Osborne Avenue to stop at the station. You can imagine that these trains are crawling. The next station up the line is less than a mile North of here in Point Pleasant Beach NJ. Again, you can imagine that the trains do not pick up any speed between these stations. The trains cross a couple of residential side streets between these two stations, all with 25mph speed limits. So now try to imagine what we hear 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Long long short longlong long short long, long long short long, long long short long. Then the train stops at the next station. Visitors often ask if there is a cow on the tracks with all the tooting. However, that is just NJT abiding by the FRA regulations. This is a small, seaside community where many homes including mine don't have air conditioning and our windows are open all summer to catch the ocean breezes. It is not easy to sleep through a night when you have long long short long blasting through your opened window less than 200 feet from your bed. And if just the sound of a running diesel engine is not enough to overpower your conversations inside your house at less than 200 feet from the tracks, try to hear the television set or have a conversation outside when you are competing with long long short long. Please alleviate this unnecessary noise by establishing a quiet zone in Bay Head, New Jersey. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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